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ADMINISTERING PRINCIPAL  
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FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION *FILING DATE GRANTED* dated October 14, 1999, be extended for a period of two (2) months from December 14, 1999 to and including February 14, 2000.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$380.00. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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